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SUBJECT: ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN AND INDIA
IN DOUBT

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1. IT APPEARS THAT BECAUSE OF CURRENT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CRISIS, VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER MORO TO PAKISTAN AND INDIA SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN MARCH 20 AND MARCH 30 IS IN DOUBT. ACCORDING MFA SOURCE, ITALIANS HAVE ASKED PAKISTANIS AND INDIANS TO BEAR WITH THEM, SINCE IT IS HOPED THAT THE CRISIS WILL BE RESOLVED SOMETIME THIS WEEK, AND IT IS ASSUMED THAT MORO WILL SUCCEED HIMSELF AS FOREIGN MINISTER. OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THESE ASSUMPTIONS ARE AT BEST AN EDUCATED GUESS, BUT EMPHASIZED STRONG ITALIAN DESIRE THAT VISIT PROCEED.

2. SOURCE SAID THAT PAKISTANIS HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR DEFINITE WORD, AND SUGGESTED TODAY THAT VISIT BE RESCHEDULED FOR 3-DAY PERIOD BETWEEN APRIL 10 AND 20, SINCE GOP COULD NO LONGER HOLD MARCH 20-23 DATES. OFFICIAL SAID THAT INDIANS ON OTHER HAND APPEAR WILLING TO WAIT SITUATION OUT IN RESPONSE TO ITALIAN REQUEST.

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3. SOURCE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT VISITS WILL MOST PROBABLY
BE CANCELLED, SINCE ITALIANS FOR BOTH POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL
REASONS DO NOT RPT NOT WISH TO MAKE SEPARATE VISITS TO INDIA
AND PAKISTAN. VOLPE

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